

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
September 1, 2021 Minutes

Notice of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting location change March 3, 2021. Pursuant to Governor Murphy's Executive Orders #107 and 108 ordering Statewide lockdowns, and P.L. 2020, c. 34 permitting public bodies to conduct meetings via electronic means during declared states of emergency, the meeting of the Borough of Harrington Park Environmental Commission meeting scheduled September 1 **at 7:30 p.m.** will be conducted remotely from the electronic meeting platform Zoom.us. Members of the public can join the meeting and participate during public comment period by joining the meeting using the Zoom mobile application on a smartphone or tablet, joining the meeting by laptop with microphone capabilities, or dialing in using a telephone to the Zoom teleconference system. Information on how to join the meeting electronically appears below. Members of the public may submit written comments in advance of a meeting, which will be read during the relevant public portion of the meeting. Written comments shall contain the person's name and address and may be submitted via email to the Borough Clerk (clerk@harringtonparknj.gov) or by mail addressed to: Clerk, Borough Hall, 85 Harriot Ave., Harrington Park, NJ. Emailed comments must be received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Mailed comments must be received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. If any meeting includes a public hearing, all material that will be considered by the Borough Council at the public hearing shall be posted on or linked to the homepage of the Borough's website in a conspicuous location or as otherwise required by law. Written comments, as set forth above, will be accepted for such public hearings. If sworn testimony is to be taken during the public hearing, it shall be broadcast by both video and audio. Written public comments will not be considered where sworn testimony is required. Topic: Environmental Commission of Harrington Park meeting. Date and Time: September 1, 2021, 7:30 p.m. EST. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936944746> Meeting ID: 693 694 4746 One tap mobile +16465588656,,6936944746# US (New York) +13017158592,,6936944746# US (Washington DC) Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) Meeting ID: 693 694 4746 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936944746>

Peter Ardito opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the following announcement: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was mailed to the Record and is filed with the Borough Clerk. Further, the amendment to the format of the meeting was adequately advertised.

Roll Call

Peter Ardito (PA) - present
Theresa Hazelton (TH) - present
Meredith Budinich (MB) - absent
Councilman Brockman (JB) - present

Sung Yoo (SY) - absent
Mary Ann Schran (MAS) – absent
Anne Lander (AL) - present
Councilwoman Chung (JC) – absent

Acceptance of Minutes from August 4 meeting Anne Lander moved to approve the minutes, second. Jeff Brockman. All in favor. Carried.

Green Team

OLD:

7 cases of new honey were just received. The beekeeper said these are great bees. Extra supers were added. Peter visited the hives. Despite all the weed preventative work there are a lot of weeds there.

9/11 planting update: To honor an HP resident who died subsequent to the 9/11 attack. The planting will go in with a plaque before the 9/11 ceremony.

Pondside update (OT/SWAN): Kim from EcoBeneficial has done a survey and soil sample for an upcoming demonstration area showing what the area should look like. Anne has soil sample kits from Rutgers.

O&R update: Peter has had a phone call with a PR person from O&R. Right now relations are cordial. O&R, surprisingly, has a grant program. The PR person has taken responsibility for the growing of the knotweed. The PR person has said that O&R could get us \$2,000. \$6,000 could be applied for in concert with SWAN, perhaps. Peter will look into that. We don't want to cause problems for the town's relations with O&R, but this has to be fixed.

Farmers Market plan: We will try to staff 9/5, 9/26, 10/17, and 10/31. Marti will ask people via email.

Town Day details: 9/18 12:00 to 4:00. Peter will be there. Theresa will drop off cookies. Anne will be there for 2 hours. Jeff and Sung will be there at HP Stir. Tenaflly Nature Center will be there. We will check with Mary Ann.

NEW:

New Eagle Scout proposal/Beechwood: Ian Moulton described his proposed Eagle Scout project—completing the loop of the walking path at Beechwood Park. Discussion. Once this approved Peter will ask the DPW to start bringing woodchips. Wheelbarrows and people will be needed. Theresa moved to approve the project, second Anne. By roll call Peter, Jeff, Anne, and Theresa approved. Peter would like to give credit to the Boy Scouts for the walking path in Beechwoods.

Don Horsey Park: SWAN has some money to use to better the environment. Some will be used at Don Horsey Park. Cleatus Farms is involved. Perhaps the gazebo could be rented out for pictures once the area is fixed up.

Theresa asked where to reach out for properties that are overgrown. The Property Maintenance Official could look into it.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Adjourn; next meeting is scheduled October 6, 2021: meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.